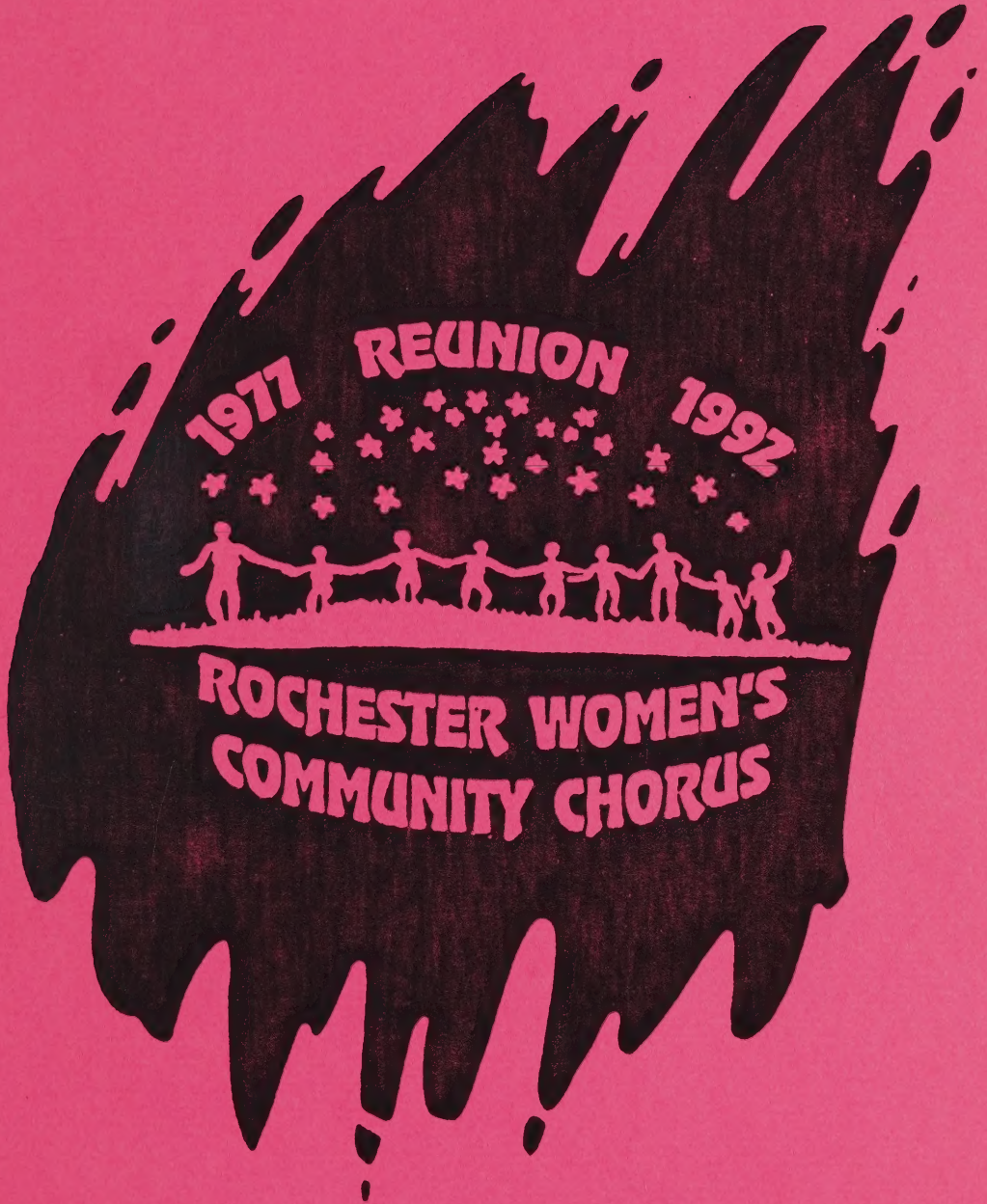




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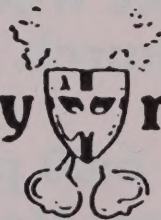
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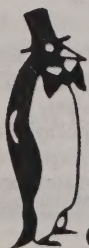




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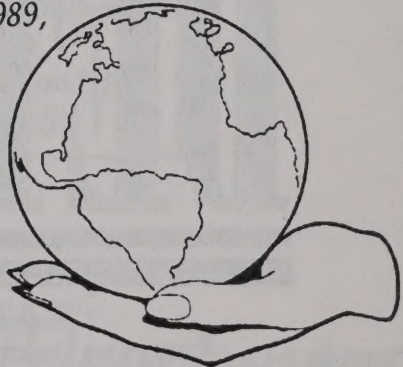
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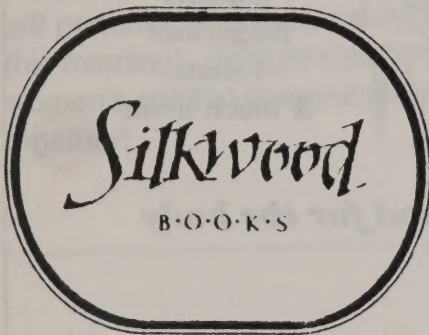
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This Reunion Concert represents the first effort to join together past and present chorus members in celebration of Rochester's rich history of women's music. What you're about to witness is testimony to the idea that "Only by attempting the absurd can we achieve the impossible": The five songs that the reunion chorus will perform tonight were prepared during a four-hour rehearsal this morning! Tonight's performance is evidence of Rochester women's spirited determination to create beautiful music together!

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Deborah Wachspress, Musical Director

Deborah received a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from the Crane School of Music in 1979 and her MS in Education from SUNY Geneseo in 1984. Deborah has taught vocal and instrumental music in the Rochester City Schools for 12 years. Deborah's goal in founding RWCC in 1985 was to bring together a diverse group of women who have had a variety of singing experiences. Using music, the group has brought its message of peace and social consciousness to the Rochester community for the past seven years.

Karen Hagberg, Accompanist

Karen recently returned to Rochester after 3 1/2 years in Japan studying the Suzuki Piano Method. She has resumed teaching here. Karen has established her new studio at 8 Prince Street. Karen has travelled widely as a Suzuki Method clinician throughout the US and Canada and also within Singapore and Australia. She has written a book about her work in Japan entitled, "When the Student Is Ready, the Teacher Appears".

Martha Brown, Guest Director

Martha Brown has been singing and playing piano since the age of four. She came to Rochester to attend the Eastman School of Music in 1984. She graduated from the University of Rochester with a BA in Women's Studies. Martha was so touched by "Jenny Rebecca" and "For All We Know" when she first performed them that she decided to arrange the two pieces for women's voices. Martha lives with her two parakeets, Tucker and Murphy.

Barbara Johnston, Percussion

Barbara has been playing drums locally for a number of years. She has performed with singer/songwriter Anne Seale and as a member of the band Slow Burn. Barbara currently resides in Mt. Morris, New York.

Cindy Barrett, Artistic Interpreter

Cindy grew up in New Jersey, but has been at home in Rochester for the last 11 years. She received her AAS degree in interpreting 9 years ago and since then has been involved in sign language interpretation at RIT and in the Community.

Artistic interpretation, however, is Cindy's specialty. Some of the performers she has worked with include Faith Patric, Alix Dobkin, Lucy Blue Tremblay, Lea DeLaria, Teresa Trull, Ferron, and Allen Ginsberg.

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PROGRAM

The Chorus (Percussion: Barbara Johnston)

Sweet Georgia Brown

(B. Bernie, M. Pinkard, K. Casey--arranged by Kirby Shaw)

It Don't Mean A Thing

(Duke Ellington--arranged by Mac Huff)

In The Mood

(Joe Garland)

It's Bad For Me

(Cole Porter)

Blues In The Night

(Harold Arlen, words by Johnny Mercer--arranged by Kirby Shaw)

Let's Call The Whole Thing Off

(George Gershwin, words by Ira Gershwin--arranged by Anita Kerr)

Wavy
Debbie Wachpress
**Martha Brown, Barbara Deitz, Terry Keister,
Jan Metcalf, Pat Tweet**

Breaths

(Ysaye Barnwell)

3 Mikes

PROGRAM

2 Mikes

Martha Brown, Terry Keister, Jan Metcalf, Pat Tweet

On Children

2 Mikes

(Ysaye Barnwell, text by Kahlil Gibran)

Wm

The Chorus

Pat

Jenny Rebecca

(Carol Hall--arranged and conducted by Martha Brown)

For All We Know

(Tom Hall--arranged and conducted by Martha Brown)

The Reunion Chorus

Corner of the Sky

(Stephen Schwartz)

Bright Morning Star

(Charlie King)

mikes low for solos
6 lift middle mikes

X Harriet Tubman

(Walter Robinson)

X The Water Is Wide

(traditional--arranged by L. Zaninelli)

X Family

(Henry Krieger)

The first set of songs is a journey back to a bygone era, punctuated by "flapper girls," F.D.R., Rosie the Riveter, and dances with names such as the Charleston, the Lindy, and the Jitterbug.

**'20s, '30s, '40s
medley**

- "Sweet Georgia Brown" (1925) begins the set. You will hear the Charleston rhythm along with the close four-part harmony typical of that decade.
- We then jump to 1939 as we get "In The Mood." Voices imitate the famous Big Band sound in this song, which reminds us of the Andrews Sisters.
- The chorus remains in the decade of the '30s as we hear the master of swing, Duke Ellington, tell us "It Don't Mean A Thing."
- Cole Porter's "It's Bad For Me," which utilizes the close harmonies reminiscent of the Sweet Adelines, was adapted and recorded by the contemporary pop group The Roches.
- That famous duo of lyricist Johnny Mercer and his partner Harold Arlen bring us "Blues In The Night," in which we hear the swinging rhythms of the '40s combined with a touch of the blues.
- A medley of this type would be incomplete without a tune by the Gershwin brothers. "Let's Call The Whole Thing Off," with its playful lyrics and unmistakable Gershwin music, rounds off the set.

PROGRAM NOTES

"Jenny Rebecca" is an a capella ode to that most cherished gift of all, a newborn human life. The arrangement that the chorus will sing is by Martha Brown.

Jenny Rebecca

During the '60s and '70s, folk musicians such as Pete Seeger and Joan Baez rearranged and sung older American folk songs. "For All We Know," which was written in 1934, is an example of this. This song expresses the importance of living life to its fullest.

For All We Know

Sweet Honey In The Rock recorded both "Breaths" and "On Children" in the early '80s. Both songs tell about the importance of listening to life outside of yourself.

Breaths and On Children

"The Water Is Wide" is a traditional American folk song that has been sung and arranged for a variety of artists and choruses.

The Water Is Wide

Both of these songs come from long-running Broadway musicals. "Family" is from the show Dreamgirls and has become RWCC's anthem over the years. "Corner of the Sky" comes from the show Pippin and appropriately states that "all of us have a place in this universe."

Family and Corner of the Sky

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★ FIRST ALTOS

- ✓ Martha Brown
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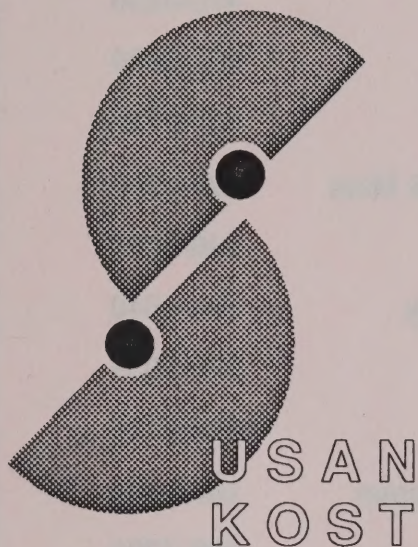
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